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(G) USNATO 5070 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY. COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE (COEC)
CHAIRMAN MACBRIEN FINISHED REPORT TO NAC ON ABOVE SUBJECT
(C-M(73)106 DATED DEC 31, 1973, RECEIVED BY MISSION JAN 16,
POUCHED JAN 17). INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS DELAYED CIRCULATION
OF REPORT BECAUSE IT UNNECESSARILY WOULD CAUSE FURTHER IRRITA-
TION AMONG ALLIES. STATEMENT OF US POSITION (REF A) IS APPENDED
TO REPORT. WHEN NAC CONSIDERS SUBJECT, RECOMMEND WE
ADHERE TO US POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO HARDENED SITE
OPTION AND TO FEASIBILITY STUDY, BUT CALL FOR RENEWED EFFORTS
TO FIND A RELOCATION SOLUTION. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON
GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.
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1. AFTER LAST COEC MEETING OCT 17 ON SUBJECT (REF B), MACBRIEN
DISCUSSED WITH LUNS TIMING OF SUBMISSION OF REPORT TO COUNCIL.
LUNS DECIDED TO DELAY REPORT IN VIEW OF RUFFLED FEELINGS IN
AFTERMATH OF MIDDLE EAST WAR AND DIVISIVE NATURE OF SUBJECT.

2. PRIOR TO DECEMBER MINISTERIALS LUNS CONTACTED RUMSFELD AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT EUROPEANS COULD NEVER ACCEPT RECONSTITUTION OF COUNCIL AS SOLE SOLUTION TO PROBLEM. RUMSFELD RESPONDED THAT US WAS SIMPLY OPPOSED TO HARDENING, BUT THAT ANY REASONABLE SOLUTION REGARDING RELOCATION ELSEWHERE SHOULD BE*ACCEPTABLE T* US.

3. ON JAN 17 MACBRIEN SUGGESTED TO MISOFF THAT US ABSTAIN AND, IN EFFECT, ALLOW THE 14 TO PROCEED WITH FEASIBILITY STUDY ON HARDENING. WE OFFERED LITTLE HOPE FOR SUCH A SOLUTION BUT DID SAY WE WOULD REPORT IT.

4. WHEN REPORT IS DISCUSSED IN COUNCIL, WE SHOULD TRY TO AVOID A POTENTIALLY DEBILITATING DEBATE ON A SUBJECT OF LOW PRIORITY TO THE UNITED STATES. WE BELIEVE THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY DEMONSTRATING FLEXIBILITY TOWARD ANY REASONABLE SOLUTION CALLING FOR RELOCATION ELSEWHERE. BUT WE SHOULD HOLD THE LINE AGAINST HARDENING AND AGAINST ANY FEASIBILITY STUDY OF HARDENING. RUMSFELD

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